

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
August 19, 2007
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:36 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Roll Call of Tribal Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Absent: Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Alice Yellowbank

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount.

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Vice-Chairman William Denemy, Executive Assistant Rebecca Atkinson.

Guests: Jeff Budnick, Marty VanDeCar, Alice Hughes, Eleanor Barber, Carol Quinones, Annette VanDeCar, Brittany Bentley, Howard Martell, Ken Roberts, Dorothy (Liz) Gasco, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Gerald Chingwa, Marvin Mulholland, Sharen Patton, Carol McFall, Jane Martell, Fred Kiogima, John J. Liebgott, Elizabeth Koski, Dianna Naganashe, Bob Petoskey, Kathy Petoskey, Donna Newton, Richard Petoskey, Darlene Mulholland, John Keshick III, Roger Emery.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt the agenda as amended for August 19, 2007.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Councilor Yellowbank)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Roberts to approve the minutes of August 5, 2007 as presented.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Councilor Yellowbank)

Motion carried.

9:50 a.m. Councilor Alice Yellowbank arrived

Elders Comments: Eleanor Barber – thanked Councilor Rita Shananaquet and Councilor Mary Roberts for their assistance in answering questions throughout their terms, Frank Ettawageshik – talked of the Tribe and its leaders who have stepped forward to ensure future generations, Beatrice A. Law thanked the Election Board for all they do.

Tribal Councilors, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Shirley Oldman, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley thanked the out going Tribal Council for their years of service.

10:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned to the commons area for the Oath of Office for the newly elected Tribal Council.

11:30 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Roll Call of Tribal Council Present: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Gerald V. Chingwa, Councilor Marvin Mulholland, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law.
Absent: Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.

Tribal Council Officer Election Results: Legislative Leader – Beatrice A. Law, Tribal Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, and Tribal Treasurer Gerald V. Chingwa.

12:03 p.m. Public Comment opened: Brittany Bentley – congratulated the newly elected positions for Legislative Leader, Secretary and Treasurer, Andrew Stich – talked of Tribal Preference and the need to be more supportive of our people, John Keshick – congratulated Gerald V. Chingwa regarding his election and previous work as a Tribal Leader.

12:07 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:07 p.m. Lunch Recess called.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to nominate Councilor Shirley Oldman and Councilor Alice Yellowbank to the Appropriations and Finance Standing Committee.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution: Authorizing an Appropriation of \$2,000 in Additional Funding for the 2007 Traditional Jiingtamok.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor Kiogima -yes, Councilor McNamara -yes, Councilor Mulholland -yes, Councilor Oldman -yes, Councilor Yellowbank -yes, Treasurer Chingwa -yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley -yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution: The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Supports Saving the Holy Childhood Indian Boarding School Building from Destruction and Urges Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and Father Joe Graff to use the Building for Promoting Native Language, Arts, and Culture and to Recognize its Historical Significance to the Native Community.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor Kiogima -yes, Councilor McNamara -yes, Councilor Mulholland -yes, Councilor Oldman -yes, Councilor Yellowbank -yes, Treasurer Chingwa -yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley -yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.

Motion carried.

3:15 p.m. Recess called.

3:29 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

3:29 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:30 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Council Resolution: Establishes Tribal Council Appropriations and Finance Standing Committee with Appointments.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington -absent, Councilor Kiogima -yes, Councilor McNamara -yes, Councilor Mulholland -yes, Councilor Oldman -yes, Councilor Yellowbank -yes, Treasurer Chingwa -yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley -yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Government Travel Procedures Policy.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to place Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Acts 1 & 2, Juvenile Justice, Tribal Notary, Office of the Commissioner, Commission Boards and Committees, Health Commission, Housing Commission, Education Commission, Economic Development Commission, Odawa Labor Relations Act, Legislative Procedures, Gaming Board of Directors Amendment and Budget Formulation Process proposed legislation on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Kiogima), 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept former Tribal Treasurer Oldman's verbal and written report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution State of Michigan, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Juvenile Justice, Community Programming and Support Services, Child Care Fund Unit: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Child Care Fund Annual Tribal Plan.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington -absent, Councilor Kiogima -yes, Councilor McNamara -yes, Councilor Mulholland -yes, Councilor Oldman -yes, Councilor Yellowbank -yes, Treasurer Chingwa -yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley -yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Office; Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians SMART Office Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Project.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington -absent, Councilor Kiogima -yes, Councilor McNamara -yes, Councilor Mulholland -yes, Councilor Oldman -yes, Councilor Yellowbank -yes, Treasurer Chingwa -yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley -yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve Tribal Council attendance at the Performance Based Budgeting in Training in September 2007.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara for Tribal Council to be compensated who attended the meeting with the U.S. Attorney General.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 5 – No (Councilor Kiogima, Councilor Oldman, Treasurer Chingwa, Secretary Gasco Bentley, Legislative Leader Law), 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion failed.

5:15 p.m. Councilor Oldman leaves

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick report.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date